

congratulated on the circumstance of such a gentleman as he having been selected to discharge the functions of Minister of Education.

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The member for the West Riding of Durham is one of the eight gentlemen who may be regarded as being detached by the medical profession to do garrison-duty in their interest, in the House. Inasmuch as the profession is indebted solely to the ignorance and credulity of the community for its existence, it is of the more importance to it that a suitably equipped garrison should be maintained on constant guard. Into the qualification of the members of this garrison for the discharge of their high function, it becomes our province to enquire. Dr. McLaughlin is a graduate of the institution which his neighbor Hardy ignorantly described as "The University," by which designation the Hon. gentleman intended to indicate University College.*

There is, or was, an educational institution in England, of which it is to be regretted that Dr. McL. is not a graduate; that institution bears, or bore, the title of a village school; the dame who governed the institution was wont to indicate that her charge for "manners" was "twopence exte." We have ventured to infer that the Dr. is not a graduate of the latter institution, inasmuch as he thought fit to tear up and cast on the floor, the first batch of the "phrenological soundings" immediately on their being handed to him; dreadful to relate, he also denounced the science of phrenology as a humbug, and *terrified* the writer by informing him that he was prepared to "stand by" that conclusion. In view, therefore, of the doctor's putative advantages as a graduate of University College, and of his disadvantages as having failed to pay his "twopence exte" at the English dame's school, we will proceed to take the soundings of this distinguished agnostic, and will cherish the hope that the plummet may bring up enough to convince him that the functions of the human head occupy a not unimportant relation to the frame. Welcome upon self reliance and determination immediately on reaching the outer surface of our subject, and we recognize the necessity of these qualities, with the addition of a not too scrupulous sensitiveness, for anyone who would force his way into Parliament. Impulsive and excitable as is this gentleman, keen and at the same time combative, he will be prone to explode with slight provocation. His patriotism however is such, that whenever he may explode, we trust it will be in a southerly direction. He is energetic and active, and discerns intuitively; happily he is not imitative, hence we trust that in